Scheduled Bank or any other person to act as the Operating Agency. In accordance with these provisions, BIFR appointed IDBI, Mumbai, a reputed financial institution, as the Operating Agency in the case of IDPL.

Increasing Sickoers of Public Sector Units Due to its handling Agencies

344. SHRI BRATIN SEN GUPTA: SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether concerned agencies are handling the cases like IDPL, Hindustan Antibiotics Limited in a most lackadaisical manner causing further sickness for these Public Sector Units;

(b) whether such approach is accidental; and

(c) if so, whether Government have any plan to make things look better?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) No, Sir. In the case of IDPL, a revival package was approved in 1994 and financial assistance in excess of what was envisaged was extended to the company by the Government of India. Despite this, IDPL could not achieve the targetted levels of production and sales. BIFR declared that the earlier package had failed and appointed IDBI as the Operating Agency. IDBI has reported that an economically viable revival package for IDPL cannot be drawn up. A revival scheme prepared by the IDPL employees was submitted recently and a final decision on this is to be taken. In the case of HAL, it was declared sick only on 31st March, 1997 and the company has prepared a draft revival proposal and submitted it to the IDBI which has been appointed as the Operating Agency by the BIFR.

Revival Package for Fertilizer Corporation of India

345. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a revival package for the Fertilizer Corporation of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The revival package for FCI has been reformulated on the basis of the report of an Expert Group led by the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. The package envisages a fresh investment of Rs. 2638 crore on the revamp of Sindri, Ramagundam and Talcher units of • FCI, apart from various other reliefs and concessions. Inter-ministerial consultations are being held to determine the scope of the revamp and tie up the funding arrangements.

Liabilities Assessed Regarding Dexamethasone

346. SHRI H. HANUMAN THAPPA: SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to 'state:

(a) what are the details of liabilities assessed in respect of Dexamethasone against Merind and Cadila for the period April, 1979 till they implemented Government's fixed prices scheme;

(b) whether liabilities against both the companies have not been fully assessed and they have been shown favouritism;

(c) what were the prices of bulk drugs adopted by them in the formulations at the time of commencement of DPCO, 1979 and what was the price notified by Government for these drugs; and